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STATE NEWS

No insurance will be written on saloon property in West Virginia this year. This order has gone out from the state underwriters association, and was doubtless occasioned by the fact that this is the last year license will be granted in the State. There seems to be disposition to fear that in the general close up by the saloonist too many saloon properties would go up in smoke.

The city of Parkersburg has decided to adopt the Staunton Paving Law. The names of these two cities have been linked since the olden time in the Staunton & Parkersburg Pike.

A line of railroad is being surveyed down New River from Glen Lyn to Hinton to connect the Virginia with the C. & O.

Gen. Chas. S. Peyton, of Roncovert, notifies all Confederate Veterans desiring to attend the annual reunion at Chattanooga on May 27th, 28th and 29th, that the railroad round trip rates from Roncovert will be \$10.40; Marlinton \$11.60, and from Cass \$12.10.

At an election held in Hinton to decide whether cows should enjoy the privileges of the streets or be kept up, the voters sided with the cows and agreed to give these animals freedom of the town.

In an effort to encourage the breeding of better horses, as well as for the purpose of securing animals suited for use in the War Department, the United States government has sent out a number of excellent stallions which will be available for public service on liberal terms. Two of these animals, a Saddle and a Morgan, have been sent to West Virginia and are located at the Experiment Stations. The owners of sound mares may breed them free of charge provided they give the Government an option on the foal, at \$150 during the year it is three years old.

The State Anti-Tuberculosis League is planning a state-wide campaign in an effort to arouse the people of the State to a sense of the danger of tuberculosis, and to educate as to its prevention and cure. The B. & O. Railway has given a special car, and this car will run over every railroad, but owing to the lack of time this car will not be able to cover the entire state in a year but no county will be entirely neglected, and the people of every part of the State will be enabled to hear at least one lecture. The car will start in September.

One produce company of Alderson shipped three car loads of eggs the last three weeks of April.

A change of venue has been granted in the legislative bribery cases, and they have been transferred to the Circuit Court of Webster county for trial on May 27. The men on trial are Senator Ben Smith, and Delegates S. U. G. Rhodes, David Hill, R. H. Duff, H. S. Ashberry, T. J. Smith, and Geo. S. Van Meter. All are charged with having received money to vote for W. S. Edwards for United States Senator.

The other day in Alderson a rooster and a gobbler and a small boy killed a large hawk. The hawk had swooped down on a chicken and was attacked by a turkey gobbler, which held the hawk until an old rooster came to the assistance of the gobbler and was fast disabling the hawk when a small boy appeared on the scene.

One of the most popular young ladies played a most cruel joke on her mother, and this is how it happened: She accidentally found a letter that her father had written to her mother in the halcyon days of courtship. She read the letter to her mother substituting her own name and that of her lover. The mother raved with anger and stamped her foot with disgust, forbidding her daughter to have anything to do with a man who could write such nonsensical stuff to a girl. The girl then gave the letter to her mother to read and the home suddenly became so quiet that she could hear the snow flakes falling in the backyard.—Hinton Herald.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary Mann to Mr. Henry O. Simms of Huntington, a prominent lawyer of Cabell county. The interesting event will culminate in a beautiful June wedding at "Hillcrest" the home of Miss Mann, near Fort Spring. The bride to be is the cultured and very attractive daughter of the late B. F. Mann.—West Virginia News.

S. J. Payne, of Charleston, who has recently purchased the Kidd properties of this city, left on No. 3 for Charleston after a short visit here looking after his interests.—Hinton News.

SCHOOL LAW AMENDED

At the recent session of the legislature several important amendments were adopted to the School Laws of which the most important are: Making the county superintendent, ex-officio county financial secretary amending the law as to the duration of teachers certificates, providing for joint district high schools; establishing an agricultural extension department of the West Virginia University; abolishing the common drinking cup; prohibiting the use of cigarettes in school houses and on school grounds; providing for the relocation of the Fairmont Normal School; and revising the law relating to the Reform School hereafter to be called the West Virginia Industrial School for Boys.

The act providing for the county financial secretary provides that the county court of every county shall provide at the county seat a suitable office, to be located in the court house if there be sufficient room for the county financial secretary, and shall keep the same supplied with the necessary furniture, fuel, lights, record books, stationary, postage and such other things as shall be necessary.

The county superintendent of schools is made an ex-officio county financial secretary, and in addition to his regular salary he shall receive \$75.00 per year, except in counties having more than one hundred teachers employed for at least six months during the year, the salary shall be at the rate of seventy-five cents for each teacher, to be based on the number of teachers employed during the preceding year, and to be paid quarterly out of the county fund.

As the title implies he is the financial officer of all the schools of the county.

Where drafts are issued by the secretaries of the district boards of education, they are required to present the drafts to the financial secretary to be countersigned by him before they are payable, and after they are countersigned the financial secretary is directed to deliver the drafts to persons entitled to them.

The financial secretary keeps an account with all the school funds of the county, charging the proper funds with all amounts paid out and crediting them with all receipts from all sources. He is further required to make up statements at the end of each month and present them to the district boards of education showing the financial condition of each fund. This will enable the boards to know just what they have in their treasury at the end of each month. He is also required to make an annual settlement at the end of the fiscal year.

This act takes effect on July 1, 1913.

OBITUARY

Departed this life April the 12th, 1913, 7:15 a. m. in Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, where she had been taken to be operated on for some stomach derangement, the beloved wife of Isaac B. Smith, Seebert, Pocahontas county, West Virginia.

She leaves behind to mourn their loss besides her husband, four daughters and one son, all of whom are grown and married. Her maiden name was Mattie M. May, the daughter of James May of the North Fork of Anthony Creek, in Greenbrier county. She is survived also by five brothers, Moses, Samuel, William Tyler and Hess May, all of Greenbrier county.

A very large concourse of friends and relatives followed the remains to their last resting place and the scene enacted at the grave was touching beyond description as there never was a family more united nor more devoted to their mother. She was not only loved by the members of her own family but her fame had extended far from her own immediate vicinity as a dispenser of charities. No beggar was ever turned away from her door hungry and she always rendered substantial aid to the poor and needy whenever the occasion presented itself.

But the good she has done still lives although the life she lived so useful, wise and innocent, has resigned holy and peacefully to death. But let us remember that she is in the hands of Him who knows when to give and when to take away and who invites all of us to call on Him in the day of trouble.

In a matter of this kind all the efforts of dear friends to console seemed to be impossible, but God has ordained that Time shall bring comfort and soothing for all our earthly sorrows and to its healing influence we must submit. Let nature speak to us and we will always see her as in life cheerful and willingly going about relieving any real distress with her

The New \$500 State Song.

WEST VIRGINIA.

By S. E. RISER.

These are lands of milk and honey,
There are lands with ruins gray,
There are lands where only money
May commend the right of way,
But beside a winding river
There's a land where beauty reigns,
And where manhood shall forever
Have more worth than golden gains.

REFRAIN

Massachusetts, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware,
Each may seem a fairland to the people dwelling there,
But no country holds a candle
To the state that has the handle:
*W-E-S-T V-I-R-G-

You can guess the rest, and so, all together, sing it, Oh
You grand old West Virginia

There is one place of all places
That upon the map are shown
Where the girls claim all the graces
And all the glory as their own,
Where at night time or in day time
Honor wins a ringing cheer,
Where the whole year is a playtime,
And where valor still is dear.

REFRAIN

Colorado, Minnesota, Maine, New York, Connecticut,
Arkansas and North Dakota, all are very splendid—but
There's no state that holds a candle
To the state that has the handle:
*W-E-S-T V-I-R-G-

You can guess the rest, and so, all together, sing it, Oh
You grand old West Virginia

Oh, the Yankee, lean and lanky,
May excel in many ways,
And the plowboys and the cowboys
Of the West may merit praise;
I've a very high opinion
Of the Dixie lass and lad,
But the lucky West Virginian
Has good reason to be glad.

REFRAIN

California, Indiana, Texas, Utah, Tennessee,
Oklahoma and Montana, each a very splendid state may be,
But no other holds a candle
To the state that has the handle:
*W-E-S-T V-I-R-G-

You can guess the rest, and so, all together, sing it, Oh
You grand old West Virginia

*To be sung like college yell.

GREENBRIER PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Greenbrier convened in regular session at Lewisburg Tuesday, April 29, and was opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. Fred W. Gray, of Fayetteville, the Presbytery's superintendent of Home Missions.

Rev. J. McD. A. Lacy, of Hinton, was elected moderator and Rev. J. M. Sedgwick, of Union, clerk.

The Presbytery was celebrating its 75th anniversary, and the program was correspondingly interesting, being filled with unusual items. The Sunday School room was hung with photographs and other articles of interest, showing the various churches, mansees, pastors, scenes from the Home Mission territory, such as mining camps, tools, etc.

The Presbyterial sermon was preached on Thursday morning by Rev. J. W. Holt, pastor at McDonald, but residing at Hinton, on "What constitutes a Calvinist."

The Home Mission report was read and considered Wednesday night. One of the most encouraging features of that work is the fact that a number of Northern Presbyterian churches, situated within the bounds of the Southern Presbyterian church, are now taking steps to unite with Greenbrier Presbytery. The Southern Church turned its work in Indiana to the Northern Church years ago, and that church is now reciprocating.

The attendance was comparatively small, it being the plowing season, and the Presbytery having recently lost heavily in the number of its ministers—Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. M. H. Bittinger and Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker having been called away by death, and Rev. J. S. Kennison, Rev. T. J. McConnell and Rev. R. E. Redding having removed from the Presbytery.

Thursday night was set for the consideration of Foreign Missions, and the report on Foreign Missions was read by Rev. A. S. Rachel, the Presbyterial chairman of Foreign Missions. Then the congregation listened for over an hour to an address by the Rev. W. M. Morrison, D. D., of the African Mission. The church has no missionary superior to Dr. Morrison as a lecturer, and the lecture was of the highest interest throughout. Thursday at the noon recess the entire Presbytery, by invitation, took dinner at the Greenbrier Presbyterial School for boys, and in the afternoon they attended a dress parade by the students. Professor Moore and his brothers who have assisted him in the work deserve great credit. They have a flourishing school, and the boys are a fine, husky lot, and thoroughly soldierly in bearing.

In the midst of the entertain-

ment the Presbytery received the news of the death of one of the most venerated of the fathers in Israel, the Rev. D. S. Sydenstricker, D. D. The Presbytery appointed a committee to attend the funeral, consisting of the Rev. Ben Harrop, the Rev. J. L. Lineweaver, and Elders J. A. Preston, of Lewisburg, and B. A. Rapp, of Spring Creek Church.

Saturday night there was a congress of nations under the auspices of the Home Mission Committee to illustrate the great number of foreign nations represented in this state. For instance the superintendent had on exhibition Gospels in twenty-seven different languages, which he carried with him in his work among the lumber and mining and construction camps. A number of foreigners were present, wearing national costumes, singing national songs, etc.

The address on Saturday night was delivered by the Rev. Ernest Thompson, D. D., of the First Church, of Charleston, by invitation, the Doctor being a member of Kanawha Presbytery. He has a church of over a thousand members, who are the great bulwark of the church in that region. The Doctor is one of the most valued home mission workers in the State and knows whereof he speaks.

Contrary to the usual custom, the Presbytery continued its sessions over Sunday, and listened to addresses by the Honorable Thos. R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, who is a Ruling Elder in his home church.

Perhaps the theme of most general interest at the Presbytery was the announcement that the very large floating debt that has embarrassed the administration of the girls' school was all arranged for, there being subscriptions taken for the entire amount, leaving only the debt owed to the State Educational Fund, and that also is informally arranged for. Marlinton Presbyterial church contributed liberally to this cause and will be rejoiced to hear that the school is at last free from debt, and that now with the fine plant they have they are in a position to do splendid work.

NEWTON, N. C.

We will once again give you a few items from the south, as we are always glad to get the news from Pocahontas.

We are having fine warm weather, although it is very dry, but we hope for rain soon.

Cotton and corn planting is done with. There is a fine prospect for fruit of all kinds. Strawberries are ripe and are fine if the weather doesn't continue too dry.

W. W. Arbogast from Thornwood, W. Va., was a welcome visitor at G. W. Cowger's and W. A. Grogg's last week. He is looking for a location in this country, with an idea of moving his family here.

G. W. Cowgar had water put in his house last week; he has also built an addition to his house this spring.

We are sorry to notice in the papers so many deaths of Pocahontas people; was sad to learn of the death of Frank Patterson.

G. W. Cowgar has a very valuable cow sick; also the widow Witherspoon lost a fine cow a few days ago.

W. A. Grogg has purchased a fine property at Conover and will take possession October 1st.

The farmers are bedding their sweet potato fields getting them ready to set as soon as it rains.

MT. ZION

Hot and dry. Farmers are busy planting corn and potatoes.

Miss Pearl Carpenter is visiting at W. A. Dille's.

Quite a few of the people from this place went to the show Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dille were in Marlinton Saturday.

John Grimes and son, Quay, took a drove of cattle to Cloyer Lick for Mr. Dudley one day last week.

A. E. Reed went to Clover Lick Saturday.

Mrs. O. B. Sharp who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving.

John Grimes and daughter Mabel were in Marlinton Monday shopping.

Rev. McClelland is preparing to fence in the Mt. Zion cemetery which is badly needed.

MEMORIAL

The committee appointed by the Sunday School of the Cass Church, Cass, W. Va., to prepare a memorial in commemoration of Mrs. Wm. F. Anderson, asks to submit the following:

Mrs. Etta Davis Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Davis, of Albemarle county, Va., was born January 17, 1875; died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lee Drumheller, in Charlottesville, Va., after an illness of a few months. While not unexpected, her death came as a shock to her relatives and many friends. Thus life's little day came to a close when all was rosy and golden in the very prime of life.

It is all so sadly, strangely new that we cannot realize that our loved friend, neighbor and co-worker has gone away never to return. She, who, so short time since, was with us, coming and going, one of our number, so full of hope, life and ambition; happy in her home life, a faithful, loving wife and mother, a sympathetic friend and a kind neighbor.

To her we pay this tribute heavily. We cannot doubt the love of our Heavenly Father or question His justness in allowing this dispensation of His providence to fall upon us, even though our tears and with hearts bowed in sorrow we are trying to say, "Thy will be done."

In the death of Mrs. Anderson, our Sunday School mourns the loss of one who was the inspiration and practically the promoter of the Sunday School and religious work in Cass.

In the early days in the history of our little city when the work of the church devolved upon a few she took her place as one of the most faithful, standing true under every test; patient, loyal and earnest as a teacher doing what she could to emulate the life of Him, who while here upon earth, "went about doing good."

Mrs. Anderson, with her cheerful, sunny disposition, which was one of her chief characteristics, carried with her where ever she went sunshine and gladness; gloom sadness or discouragement seemed to flee before her presence. A dominant notable fact in her life, being that she always saw the bright side of everything, always found the silver lining to every cloud.

While we feel deeply our loss our hearts go out in sympathy to the husband and two precious daughters, into whose life has come the greatest of bereavements. The going out from the home circle of this devoted wife, mother and home-maker; to the aged father and mother of whom she was so thoughtful and to whom she was so devoted, the brothers, sisters and all relatives upon whom has fallen this sorrow, we would extend our prayers and our sympathy. Words fail and seem so inadequate to give expression to anything that will, to any extent, soothe or give comfort.

To Him who promises in His word to "heal" and "bind" broken wounded hearts, to carry heavy burdens and to give rest to the weary, we commend you.

May God send to each heart the Comforter, to bless and comfort those bereaved, as only He can.

COMMITTEE.

BROWNS CREEK

Hot and very dry. Most all the corn in this neighborhood has been planted; the ground was in fine shape.

There will be plenty of apples in this section if they are not killed later on.

There is a lot of Gypsies camped at the Browns creek ford, trading horses and telling fortunes.

Mrs. C. L. Moore and daughter Grace were visiting at Elmer Moore's Sunday.

H. P. McLaughlin spent a week visiting his cousins L. P. and E. H. McLaughlin at Academy. He expects to go to Greenbrier in the near future.

Fenton & Pyle have finished one set of sawing on H. P. McLaughlin's place and is moving the mill to another set near S. R. Hogsett's.

The many friends of Floyd Moore, will be sorry to hear he is seriously sick in a hospital in Detroit, Michigan.

Charlie McLaughlin is building a new barn.

HILLSBORO HIGH BRIEFS

On Saturday May 3rd, the second contest between the Hillsboro High and the Marlinton High occurred. The prizes were two and a-half dollars for each successful contestant. The debate, "Resolved, That capital punishment should be abolished," was discussed on the affirmative by Charles Richardson, who nicely introduced the argument and Robert Arbogast, whose argument and delivery were very fine. These two represented Marlinton High. Dakota Kirk and Charles Smith represented Hillsboro High and discussed the negative side. Miss Kirk's argument was full, well rounded and generous and her delivery was most excellent,—the result of her earnest, sincere attitude toward the proposition. Charles Smith's argument was very good. The prize money was awarded to the judges decision. The music was under the supervision of Miss Sydenstricker the S. music teacher—and at this point the High School chorus rendered "Softly Fall the Shades of Evening."

The essays were the next feature Gladys Warwick of the Marlinton High rendered Woman's Sphere—a well written and delivered production. This essay received the prize. Bertha Overholt, of H. H. S., followed with "The Crusade of the Rural School," a well written number and also well delivered, but Miss Overholt forgot and as a result omitted about one-half of her production.

The fourth number was the orations, which were delivered by Ralph Buckley of Hillsboro High, whose subject was "The Martyrdom of Joan of Arc," and whose delivery was excellent and who received the prize money. Paul Overholt represented the Marlinton High and orated on "The Defense of Armageddon." His oration was good. Nina Payne nicely rendered two piano solos, which were greatly appreciated. The readings were of their usual interest and were interpreted very nicely by Elise McClinton in the "Chariot Race," and Pearl Darnell in "Bobby Shafter." The former represented M. H. S. and the latter H. H. S. and received the judges' decision.

This ended the literary feature and was followed by a two part song, "Springtime." Then a number of speeches were called on and responded. Among those were Dr. McNeel, Messrs. Cornwell, Hill, Rohr, Beard, Kidd, Williams and Miss Merrell.

The prizes were delivered by Supt. B. B. Williams. A reception was given to M. H. S. by H. H. S. on Saturday afternoon.

The judges were Messrs. Grimes of Lobbie; Sharp, of Marlinton, and Supt. Crawford of Roncovert. This the second time H. H. S. has won over M. H. S. decisions being this time three out of four in favor of H. H. S.

Denny Callison came down from Beard last week and spent several days in Lewisburg with his parents.—Mrs. Nannie E. Beard, of Pocahontas county, is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. F. D. Nickell, at Roncovert.—Greenbrier Independent.

Notice to Contractors

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, until Tuesday, May 27, 1913, until 1 o'clock p. m., at the court house of said county, for the construction of a piece of road 5000 feet in length, on Back Allegheny mountain, in Greenbank district, beginning at a point near the barn of Wm. Collins on the Back mountain road to a point near its intersection with the old lumber road. Specifications can be seen by applying to the undersigned county road engineer. A good and sufficient bond will be required of the successful bidder. Road is to be completed by October 1, 1913. The court reserves the right to reject and annul all bids.

J. H. KRAMER,
County Road Engineer.

OLD AGE KNOCKS AT EVERY DOOR

Yet only five men out of each one hundred who reach the age of sixty have a regular income. The other 95 are dependent upon a meager daily wage, their children of public charity for their support. Think of this and start now to prepare for later years by depositing your earnings with

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